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**CITY COUNCIL APPROVES ORDINANCE TO ADVANCE INNOVATIVE PLAN
TO CO-LOCATE HOUSING AND LIBRARIES**

*Ordinance Will Allow Development of Properties as Part of Partnership between Chicago
Housing Authority and Chicago Public Library*

The City Council today approved Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Department of Fleet and Facility Management's ordinance authorizing the execution of three lease agreements to support the innovative partnership between Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) and Chicago Public Library (CPL) to deliver co-located housing and new libraries. The leases will allow the development of the Roosevelt, Northtown and Independence Branches.

"Chicago is one of the first cities to use this type of interagency partnership between housing and libraries to build a stronger foundation for our communities," said Mayor Emanuel. "These projects will benefit the neighborhoods by expanding affordable housing opportunities and offering common space for community members to come together."

The three facilities are designed to serve as a community anchor for each neighborhood and offer a mix of residential and library uses. The residential portion of each facility will create mixed-income housing options for the community while the branch library portions will offer reading resources and programs for area children, families and building residents.

"CHA is committed to this partnership with CPL because it supports our mission to leverage housing assets for the benefit of individuals and communities, knowing that stable housing, along with community anchors like libraries, good schools and public transportation are critical to building and supporting strong, healthy neighborhoods," said Eugene Jones, Jr. CHA CEO.

Each branch will include a built-out early childhood active learning space. School-aged children will have access to CPL's Teacher in the Library program, which offers free one-on-one after-school tutoring and homework assistance for kids. Teens will have access to

technology, resources, and classes that inspire exploration, creativity and learning through the YOUmedia program.

“Libraries play a vital role in making knowledge and learning accessible and these new 21st century libraries will be designed to meet the needs of all ages,” said CPL Commissioner Brian Bannon. “These innovative projects will strengthen these communities with affordable housing and community anchors that support life-long learning, while also bringing world-class design to Chicago’s neighborhoods.”

CPL is working to increase technology and workforce programs for adults. These three new branches will offer computer classes and one-on-one coaching to build digital literacy and technology skills for adults and seniors. Traditional library programs, such as book clubs for seniors and intergenerational educational and cultural programming, will also be available to these communities.

The Roosevelt Branch will be developed at 1340 West Taylor Street with a 16-year lease and will offer 73 multi-family housing units for \$1 per year. The Northtown Branch is located at 6800 North Western Avenue and the Independence Branch at 4033 North Elston Avenue. Both the Northtown and Independence Branches will offer 44 affordable senior housing units each with 19 year leases for \$1 per year.

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